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**By Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested**Sheila McAnaney
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Re: Statoil Eisenbarth Well Response Site

Sheila
Dear Ms. ~~McAnaney~~:

I am writing on behalf of Statoil USA Onshore Properties, Inc. ("Statoil") regarding a letter it received from Mr. Jason El-Zein of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), dated July 16, 2014. In the letter, Mr. El-Zein requested that Statoil notify EPA by July 18, 2014, regarding its willingness to perform certain removal actions and to reimburse EPA for certain costs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA") related to the Eisenbarth Well Pad incident on June 28, 2014. Statoil received the letter from EPA on July 21, 2014. However, on July 18, 2014, on behalf of EPA, you provided Statoil with a two week extension to respond to the Mr. El-Zein's letter, making the response due on or before August 1, 2014.

This letter serves as Statoil's response to Mr. El-Zein. As you know, Statoil is currently engaged in good faith discussions with EPA regarding the performance of removal actions and the payment of response costs generally described in Mr. El-Zein's letter. The culmination of these discussions would be memorialized in a settlement agreement and order on consent. If these discussions are successful, Statoil would undertake the removal actions

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and would pay appropriate response costs as described in a final settlement agreement and order on consent.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ilana Saltz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ilana Saltzbart